

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 27, 2014

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent:

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 13, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending February 19, 2014 in the amount of \$ **255,789.96** and February 26, 2014 in the amount of \$ _____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of February 13 – February 26, 2014
- Report from the Building Inspector's office February 25, 2014
- Report of the Work Session of the Common Council held on February 20, 2014
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 18, 2014
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of January 2014 in the total amount of \$8,370.90
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for January 2014
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of January 2014

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

1. Mayor Calnon Proclaims "MS Awareness Week in Plattsburgh."
2. Letter of support received from Georgia Pacific for a "North Margaret Street Bike Path" and agreement to contribute up to \$5,000 for a traffic study.
3. Recommendation from the Planning Board regarding Local Law P-1 of 2014: Amending Chapter §270 of the City Code concerning special permitted uses in Industrial Zones.

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending February 19, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,121,910.79 and February 27, 2014 in the amount of \$ _____ are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

7. OTHER ITEMS:

Motion to remove item 7A from the Table.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Engineering Consultant Agreement with Stantec for "Traffic Feasibility Study for North Margaret Street, Boynton Avenue – Cumberland Head Road." Contract # 2014-06

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves from First Weekends to close City Hall Place from noon to 9pm on the following Saturday's in 2014: April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th and November 8th.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves 2014 Street Drives.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD No. 2014-1-1 "115kV Disconnects at St. Lawrence 1-Phase 3" be awarded to Stuart Irby in the total amount of \$79,884.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Club Caribbean to hold a “Street Jam Carnival” on April 19, 2014 from 12:00pm -4 pm blocking off a section of Rugar Street from Memorial Hall to Hood Hall.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Municipal Lighting Department be permitted to proceed with the write-off of unpaid final bills for the period November 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012 in the amount of \$2,626.75. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .22%.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

G. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CITY CLERK TO KEITH HERKALO EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

H. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER TO NATHAN KASPRZAK EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2014 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 78 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H8130.59, 2014 Sanitary Sewer and Pumping Station as per the 2014 capital expenditure plan plus an additional \$26,000 necessary to the completion of the project element for the Saranac River suspension bridge. The total project cost is estimated at \$956,000.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2014-03 "Painting the Pipeline Suspension Bridge over the Saranac River" be awarded to Abhe & Svoboda Inc. for the total cost of \$235,900.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

K. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H8320.68, 2010 Meade Dam Design and Bidding Work by increasing the funding for the completion of the design work by \$100,000 to a total of \$350,000. The \$100,000 cost revision is an amendment to the 2014 capital expenditure plan.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

L. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves an agreement with Schnabel Engineering to perform the work required by DEC for an alternative approach to computing the required spillway capacity for Mead Dam for the lump sum of \$18,800.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

M. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to adjust the 2014 General Fund Budget through an increase to estimated revenue for insurance recoveries and an increase to vehicle repairs for collision damage to vehicles as per the attached memo. The transfer will not change the total 2014 budget.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

N. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.43, 2014 South Catherine Street Construction for \$6,686,000 as part of the approved 2014 capital expenditure plan.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

O. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the budget modification to the System Administration (IT) as per the attached memo.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

P. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.44, 2014 Street Resurfacing as part of the 2014 capital expenditure plan as per the attached capital project resolution

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

Q. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.45, 2014 Saranac River Trail Design and to include it as an amendment to the 2014 capital expenditure plan as per the attached capital project resolution.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one police officer to attend the "Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Committee Annual Conference" in Albany, NY from April 7 – 9, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$390.50 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund (Training expenses).

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves four police officers to attend the "NYS Tactical Officers Association 2014 Tactical Training Conference

and Expo” in Verona, NY from April 28 – May 1, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$2608.16 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund (Training expenses).

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD Sub Station Electrician Tim Carter to attend “Traffic Signal Training” in Syracuse, NY from March 17 – 21, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$1,615.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one police officer to attend the “Peer Model EAP Coordinator Training” in Utica, NY from March 24 – March 27, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$396.00 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund (Training expenses).

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____